Notices for Recovery of DPEA Arrears

4551. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 648 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1988 and state :

(a) what are the names of the companies which were issued notices for the recovery of the amount due under DPEA in respect of Gentamycin, Doxycycline, Rifampicin, Metranidazole, Trimethoprim, Sulphamethoxazole Analgin, Dipyridamol and other drugs;

(b) when were the notices issued and what are the names of the companies which did not furnish the details called for;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has powers under Essential Commodities Act to inspect and collect the details;

(d) if so, whether these powers have been utilised; if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry proposes to refer these issues to the Collector for recovery as an arrear towards land revenue; and

(f) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) to (f) The names of the companies to whom notices have been issued for recovery of amounts in respect of Gentamycin, Doxycycline, Rifampicin, Metronidazole etc. are quite voluminous. The time and efforts required for collection of these details will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved. Many of the companies did not furnish the required details. The amounts assessed for recovery have also been disputed. The determination of amounts and recovey of the same is a continuous process and appropriate action as per due process of law would be taken.

Import of Dipyridamol

4552. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 649 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1988 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Dipyridamol is being imported by US Vitamins, German Remedies, Torrent and Martin and Harris;

(b) if so, what is the quantity imported by each of the companies source of import and CIF price of import during 1987-88 and in the current year; and

(c) whether it is a fact that imports by German Remedies are still over-invoiced and if so, what steps have been taken to prevent over-invoicing ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) to (c) Import of drugs by individual companies is not being monitored by this Ministry.